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TO AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

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SUBJECT: RESPONSE TO FOURTH OF JULY MESSAGES TO THE  
PRESIDENT FROM SRI LANKAN PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER

1. FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT GOPALLAWA WAS TRANSMITTED BY SRI LANKAN EMBASSY TO WHITE HOUSE:

QUOTE: IT GIVES ME GREAT PLEASURE TO EXTEND TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, MY FELICITATIONS ON THE OCCASION OF THE 201ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND TO EXPRESS MY CONVICTION THAT THE CORDIAL RELATIONS EXISTING BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES WOULD BE FURTHER STRENGTHENED. END QUOTE.

2. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER SHOULD BE DELIVERED TO THE PRESIDENT:

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QUOTE: DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:  
ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE I WISH TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR THOUGHTFUL MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON THE ANNIVERSARY OF OUR NATION'S INDEPENDENCE. WE WARMLY WELCOME YOUR EXPRESSION OF GOODWILL AND FRIENDSHIP AND EXTEND TO YOU AND TO THE PEOPLE OF SRI LANKA OUR APPRECIATION.

SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END QUOTE.

3. FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM PRIME MINISTER BANDARANAIKE  
WAS DELIVERED BY SRI LANKAN EMBASSY TO WHITE HOUSE:

QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF SRI  
LANKA JOIN ME IN EXTENDING TO YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE GOVERN-  
MENT AND PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA CORDIAL  
GREETINGS AND WARM GOOD WISHES ON THE OCCASION OF THE  
201ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE OF  
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

I FEEL SURE THAT THE CORDIAL AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BE-  
TWEEN SRI LANKA AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA WILL  
CONTINUE TO STRENGTHEN IN THE COMING YEARS. END QUOTE.

4. FOLLOWING RESPONSE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER SHOULD BE  
DELIVERED TO THE PRIME MINISTER:

QUOTE: DEAR MADAME PRIME MINISTER:  
THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND MESSAGE OF CONGRATULATIONS ON  
THE OCCASION OF THE ANNIVERSARY OF OUR INDEPENDENCE. THE  
AMERICAN PEOPLE AND I DEEPLY APPRECIATE YOUR THOUGHTFUL  
EXPRESSION OF GOODWILL AND FRIENDSHIP.  
SINCERELY, JIMMY CARTER. END QUOTE.

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5. NO RELEASE INTENDED, BUT NO OBJECTION IF RECIPIENT  
WISHES TO DO SO. VANCE

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